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## **Attorney General Racine Welcomes Supreme Court Review of President Obama's Executive Action on Immigration**

*Racine Urges Court to Uphold Action on Immigration Reform*

**WASHINGTON, D.C.** – Today, Attorney General Karl A. Racine welcomed the decision by the Supreme Court of the United States to hear *United States v. Texas*, a case involving President Obama's executive action creating a path to legal residency for some undocumented immigrants. Attorney General Racine urged the Court to uphold the President's executive action on immigration reform.

**"The District of Columbia believes that President Obama's executive action is within his constitutional authority and is a sensible step on immigration reform that helps District residents and the economy,"** said Attorney General Racine. **"There are strong legal arguments that support the President's solution to create a pathway to legal residency, and we are confident that the Court will overturn the decision by a divided three-judge panel that blocked these actions."**

Earlier this year, the Office of the Attorney General joined a coalition of states in filing a friend-of-the-court brief in the case before the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit. The brief argued a lower court erred in concluding that the immigration directives would harm states. Rather than presenting a burden, the Obama Administration's actions — enabling working families to participate more fully in American society, earn a fair, legal wage and pay their fair share of taxes — benefit the states by raising revenue and reducing demand for social services.

The Supreme Court is likely to hear oral arguments in *United States v. Texas* in April. For more information on the District's friend-of-the-court brief in the 5<sup>th</sup> Circuit case, see <http://oag.dc.gov/release/attorney-general-racine-urges-federal-court-uphold-president-obama%E2%80%99s-immigration-reform>.

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